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**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE: January 11, 2007

TIME: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Burbank Airport Marriott
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PRESENT: Elizabeth O. Dietz, EdD, RN, CS-NP, Chair
Susanne Phillips, RN, MSN, APRN-BC, FNP
Carmen Morales-Board, MSN, RN, NP
Janice Glaab

NOT PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Louise Bailey, MEd, RN, SNEC; Grace Arndt, MSN, RN, NEC; Maria Bedroni, EdD, RN, SNEC; Carol Bell, MSN, RN, NEC; Badrieh Caraway, MS, RN, NEC; Carol Mackay, MN, RN, NEC; Miyo Minato, MN, RN, NEC; Alice Takahashi, NEC; Janette Wackerly, RN, MBA, NEC; Heide Goodman, Asst. EO; Carol Stanford, Diversion Manager; LaFrancine Tate, Grace Corse, Board Members.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tricia Wickers, Nancy Carson, LA Harbor College; Thomas McKay, Cabrillo College; Barbara Hindman, Chaffey College; Sue Albert, College of the Canyons; Darlene Fishman, Andrea Hannon, Cypress College; Judith Clavijo, De Anza College; Norma Carter, Ms. Pugh, Maria Elena Martinez, Los Angeles Southwest College; Marilyn Johnson, San Bernardino Valley College; Reymundo Marin, Maria Viramontes de Marin, Mary Wickman, InterAmerican College; Rose Welch, Carole Shea, Laura Inouye, Mitchell Maki, CSU Dominguez Hills; Lisa Hawthorne, Kaplan-Maric College; Martha De Young, Eric Rabito, Maureen Estrada, Irene Malmgren, Citrus College; Wendy Hollis, Margarita Valdes, Lisa Long, Unitek College; Susan Instone, Sally Broz Harden, USD; Kathleen Gilchrist, Peggy Leapley, CSU Bakersfield;; Marcia Miller Indiana State University; Mark Ivory, Bob Haverstock, Indiana State University/College Network; John Lantz, College Network.

Dr. Elizabeth Dietz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Introduction of committee members followed.

Chair Dietz revised the agenda. Agenda item 3.7 was removed from the agenda.

1.0 APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2006 MINUTES.

ACTION: Approve the Minutes of October 19, 2006.

MSC: Phillips/ Morales-Board

Public input: None

2.0 RATIFY MINOR CURRICULUM REVISIONS

- 2.1 California State University, Bakersfield, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 2.2 California State University, East Bay, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 2.3 Samuel Merritt College, Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (Sacramento Campus)

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- 2.4 Grossmont College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 2.5 Pacific Union College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 2.6 Santa Rosa Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program

ACTION: Ratify Minor Curriculum Revisions.

MSC: Phillips/ Morales-Board

Public input: None

3.0 CONTINUE/NOT CONTINUE APPROVAL OF NURSING PROGRAMS

3.1 University of San Diego, Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program

Dr. Anita Hunter is program director, not present. Dr. Diane Instone and Dr. Sally Harden represented the program.

C. Mackay, NEC, presented this report. C. Mackay and K. Daugherty, NECs, conducted a continuing approval visit at the University of San Diego, Master's Entry Program of Nursing on 11/6-7/06. The program was found to be in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. Four recommendations were made related to curriculum, program evaluation, faculty resources, and the program's preceptorship. The program has responded to the recommendations.

This was the first continuing approval for the MEPN. Since its inception in 2001, the program has prepared 130 registered nurses. The student retention rate has been exceptional: cohort 1 retention rate was 89%; for cohorts 2, 3, and 4, it was 97%; and, for cohort 5, it was 100%. The NCLEX pass rate for first time candidates has been 93.6% or above each year, with the exception of 2003-2004 when it was 83.3%.

A major challenge for the program has been obtaining stable, qualified faculty. There are 4 full-time tenure-track faculty members involved with the MEPN students during the pre-licensure phase of the program. The Provost has recently approved the Dean's request to support three benefited clinical faculty positions. The program, also, has hired a tenure-track faculty with maternal-child and pediatric expertise who will begin her tenure in August 2007. There are two more tenure-track positions still open, and recruitment is an ongoing process.

The program is planning to submit a major curriculum revision to the Board on February 1, 2007. The master's phase in the revised program will shift from preparation of nurse practitioners to the bedside clinical nurse. The philosophy, unifying theme, course syllabi, etc. of the pre-licensure component of the program will be updated to reflect current practice and the literature.

ACTION: Continue approval of University of San Diego Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program.

MSC: Morales-Board/ Phillips

Public input: None

Chair Dietz reordered the agenda.

~~4.0 CONTINUE/NOT CONTINUE APPROVAL OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAM~~

~~4.1 University of San Diego Nurse Practitioner Program~~

Dr. Susan Instone is program director.

C. Mackay, NEC, presented this report. C. Mackay and K. Daugherty, NECs, conducted a continuing approval visit at the University of San Diego, Nurse Practitioner Program on 11/6-7/06. The program was found to be in non-compliance with Section 1484(d)(11), preceptorships. Three recommendations were given related to program evaluation, faculty resources, and APN legal implications. The program submitted a minor curriculum revision correcting the area of non-compliance on November 16, 2006.

In Fall 2006, the program failed to provide preceptorships for 5 students, as prescribed by its approved curriculum. Several factors contributed to the problem: an increase in the number of students, and a corporate decision by Planned Parenthood of San Diego to replace Nurse Practitioners with Physician

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Assistants. In order to correct the problem, the clinical practicum for Women's Health will be offered in both the Fall and Spring semesters, not just the Fall semester. Recommendations from the visit related to program evaluation and recruitment of full-time faculty were addressed in the report submitted by the USD-MEPN. Program submitted a report showing that the program is in compliance.

ACTION: Continue Approval of University of San Diego Nurse Practitioner Program.

MSC: /Phillips/ Morales-Board

Public input: None

3.2 Cabrillo College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Dr. Thomas McKay, PhD, RN, is Nursing Director and Dean of Allied Health

J. Wackerly presented this report. J. Wackerly, NEC, conducted a regularly scheduled continuing approval visit on November 14 – 16, 2006 to Cabrillo College ADN Program. The program was found in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. No recommendations were given.

The ADN program is a full-time, two-year course of study that features an integrated curriculum, teaching the nursing process and preparing students to function in the role of registered nurse. Using team teaching approaches and the Neuman Systems Model as a theoretical framework, a planned sequence of theory, process lab (skills laboratory), clinical practicum, and pharmacology courses are taught. During the fourth semester, students prepare to assume the role of graduate nurse by completing a clinical preceptorship. RN master's prepared faculty member manages and teaches in the lab allowing staffing for each practice lab to be decreased by one faculty. The program has been successful obtaining grants for skills lab equipment including high fidelity mannequins. Remodeling of the skills lab was accomplished spring 2006 to accommodate the new equipment and student learning activities. In fall semester 2005 the program increased capacity by entering 30 students each fall and spring. The administration strategy in the nursing program has been supported by the California Community College Chancellor's Office grants and additional community funding. The 2005-2006 NCLEX-RN pass rate was 95.12%.

ACTION: Continue approval of Cabrillo College Associate Degree Nursing Program.

MSC: Phillips/ Morales-Board

Public input: None

3.3 Chaffey College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Barbara Hindman, MN, RN is the Nursing Program Director, since Fall 2004.

B. Caraway, NEC presented this report. B. Caraway and G. Arndt, NECs conducted regularly scheduled continuing approval visit at Chaffey College on September 20, and 21, 2006. There were no areas of non-compliance. Recommendations were given related to CCR section 1424, and 1428.

Written response related to the recommendations is attached.

The ADN program has undergone several changes since the last approval visit in 2001. There has been a change in Director and Assistant Director's positions, long-term faculty have retired, new faculty have been hired and have provided a fresh perspective to the program. A recently hired part time Skills Lab Instructor is available 24hours/week to assist students. The Skills Lab is being enhanced with simulated manikins and equipment. Supportive services are available to the nursing students. The Program has a strong working relationship with staff and management in affiliating agencies. The program evaluation process, with student input, has been instrumental in directing changes within the program. The student worker program allows students to be employed by affiliated hospitals during the last three semesters of the program.

The future Health Science building renovation is in progress and the new ADN building renovation will be ready in 2008. During the renovation period the ADN program will move to the Health Science Administration building. The new building will house Skills Lab with separate simulation rooms and a large area for new hospital beds station including bedside computers. The NCLEX pass rate percentage has been consistently in the 91-98%.

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ACTION: Continue approval of Chaffey College Associate Degree Nursing Program.
MSC: Phillips/ Glaab
Public input: None

3.4 College of the Canyons Associate Degree Nursing Program

Sue Albert, MN, MHA, RN has served as Assistant Dean of Allied Health and program director since July 2000.

M. Minato, NEC, presented this report. On October 16 and 17, 2006, Grace Arnold and Miya Minato, NECs, conducted a continuing approval visit at College of the Canyons (COC) Associate Degree Nursing Program. The program was found to be in compliance with the BRN rules and regulations. One recommendation was made in 1424 (d) Resources.

Nursing enrollment has doubled since the previous year with grants for enrollment expansion and the starting of the collaborative program. A new Science/Allied Health Building is under construction with projected completion date of fall 2007. The building plan included a new skills lab and spaces for the nursing program.

The primary nursing skills lab was identified as having limited spaces for the number of students at the last visit, is used maximally by nursing and other allied health programs. The program has added extended campus labs and classrooms, to accommodate increased needs for spaces. With the plans for increased enrollment, the new spaces are urgently needed. The program would have to consider alternatives if the construction is delayed for any reason and cannot meet the fall 2007 completion.

The new curriculum started in fall 2005 combines the theory and clinical as one course and offers medical-surgical nursing course each semester. The program implemented Student Success courses that would help with student retention.

The program has a rolling admission and handles approximately 100 plus applications per month. The support staff has been increased and will have 2.5 positions, to handle clerical and admissions for the Allied Health programs. There is concern for a proportionately increased number of PT faculty compared to FT faculty as the program implements expansion plan. The program has in place an orientation program and ways to mentor new faculty. There is excellent community support for the program, and the graduates of the program are actively recruited by local hospitals. The NCLEX pass rates for the last two academic years have been 89.7% and 89.8%.

ACTION: Continue approval of the College of the Canyons Associate Degree Nursing Program.

MSC: Phillips/ Morales-Board
Public input: None

3.5 Cypress College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Darlene Fishman, MSN, RN is the Nursing Program Director, since August 2002. Andrea Hannon, MSN, RN, is the Dean of Health Sciences.

B. Caraway, NEC, presented this report. B. Caraway and M. Bedroni, SNEC, did a continuing approval visit at Cypress College on October 10, and 11, 2006. The program was found in noncompliance in one area CCR 1424. Two recommendations were given related to skills lab hours and inconsistency in utilization of evaluation tools by faculty. On December 20, 2006, the program submitted a progress report addressing the noncompliance and recommendations.

The program has insufficient staff to support 300+ students, director, and faculty. Currently one secretary supports all of the Health Science Division. Adequate secretarial support to the ADN program will decrease the time faculty and director spends on clerical functions. (Same recommendation was given in 2001.)

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Changes that occurred since 2001 are: Director position became 100% management position; curriculum changes were made in 2005, to adopt CCC's pre-requisite courses; has added a clinical rotation to meet increased admission; offered first online class; added adjunct faculty; revised work study course; purchased online student support system; offered live NCLEX review course; and, instituted annual student focus groups to assist nursing students.

Health Science building renovation has allowed for the incorporation of "smart classroom" equipment, and a new state-of-the-art Library and Learning Resource Center (LLRC) that provides both traditional educational materials and new instructional resources, from computers to software and multimedia. The skills lab is being enhanced with one human simulator, located in a model hospital cubicle, and the program has increased the number of mentors/ tutors, and open lab hours. However the students stated that they are impacted by the difficulty in access to the skills lab. They also expressed concern regarding insufficient skills lab open hours, and the inconsistency among faculty in assigning and grading the nursing care plans.

The program has a strong working relationship with staff and management of the affiliating agencies. The student worker program allows students to be employed by affiliated hospitals during the last three semesters of the program. The NCLEX pass rate remains exemplary with an eight-year average annual rate of 92.02% between 1998-2005, for first time candidates.

Dean Hannon reported to ELC that support staff's hours have been increased to meet program's needs. 10 month position has been changed to a 12 month position and 50% position has been increased to 100% time. Although increases may not seem a large increase, these increases will assist the nursing program. Director Fishman added that because nursing department is a large portion of the Health Sciences, nursing would receive the most benefit. Dean Hannon stated that if additional staff are needed, hourly support would be provided.

ACTION: Continue approval of the Cypress College Associate Degree Nursing Program.

MSC: Glaab/Phillips

Public input: None

3.6 De Anza College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Judith Clavijo, MSN, RN is the Executive Head of Nursing, Director of the program.

J. Wackerly, NEC, presented this report. A regularly scheduled continuing approval visit was done on October 10, 11, 12, 2006 to De Anza College. The program was found to be in compliance with the board's rules and regulations. Eight recommendations were given to strengthen the program: 1424 (e) Director time to administer the program; 1424 (b) (1) Total Program Evaluation Plan; 1424 (d) Sufficient resources faculty; 1424 (g) Faculty evaluation all aspects of the program; 1425.1 (a) implementing curriculum content; 1420 (d) Theory and clinical practice; 1420 (e) (2) Basic Intervention skills; and 1424 (k) Student/teacher ratio in clinical setting. The details are presented in the attached Report of Findings.

The program has responded to the eight recommendations with identification of the administration and faculty responsibilities for improvements including time frames for implementation and final determinations by the college administration.

ACTION: Continue approval of the De Anza College Associate Degree Nursing Program. Program to submit a progress report on the recommendations in September 2007 for October 2007 ELC.

MSC: Phillips/ Morales-Board

Public input: None

3.7 East Los Angeles College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Agenda item was removed from the agenda.

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Norma Carter, MSN, RN, is the Program Director; Dean Martinez and Ms. Pugh were also represented the program.

M. Minato, NEC, presented this report. M. Bedroni, SNEC, and M. Minato conducted a program review on November 16 – 17, 2004, at LA Southwest College (LASC). The LASC ADN Program was found in non-compliance in four areas: 1424(b)(1) Total Program Evaluation; 1425.1(a) Faculty Responsibility – Curriculum; 1426(b) Curriculum; and, 1428(a) Student Participation. At the ELC meeting on January 13, 2005, the committee members expressed grave concerns for program's lack of progress and deferred action to continue approval of LASC. The program was to submit a progress report at each of the ELC meetings in 2005 until problems were corrected.

LASC faculty submitted four progress reports and a proposal for a curriculum revision in 2005:

- February 24, 2005 – Progress report on their major curriculum revision [1425.1(a);1426(b)] and implementation of program evaluation [1426(b)(1)].
- April 22, 2005 – Progress report on continued work with the curriculum revision, hired Dr. Mary Wickman as their curriculum consultant [1425.1(a);1426(b)]. Norma Carter was elected as the new Program Director in July 2005.
- August 18, 2005 – LASC's proposal for a major curriculum was approved by ELC; implemented the new curriculum in Fall 2005. At this time program had corrected the non-compliance related to curriculum and implementation of evaluation plan.
- December 21, 2005 – Progress report on the program evaluation process, progress with the new curriculum, and integration of comprehensive testing (ATI) throughout the program to improve success on the NCLEX. Students have been encouraged and have been included in the program evaluation process.
- Additionally, progress reports noted that faculty members have held meetings attended workshops and conferences on curriculum development to revitalize their nursing program. The assigned NEC attended faculty meetings, met with administrators, and worked closely with the program.

On December 11, 2006, LASC submitted a Final Progress Report (attached) that demonstrates continued progress LASC faculty are making to correct deficiencies identified at the November 2004 approval visit. This report summarizes the program's progress made in Administration, Curriculum, Program Evaluations, and Resources. The report identifies the challenges and opportunities the program faces as it continues to improve on the LASC graduates' NCLEX performance. The program has fully integrated ATI assessment tests throughout the curriculum and is using the information to help students remediate. Tutoring resources and lab coordinator are in place. The program has had faculty retiring and continues having difficulty with faculty recruitment. There is a new interim president at LASC since July 2006 and a new dean for the nursing department. The report noted that changes in administration have been instrumental in procuring resources for the department and making policy changes. The report showed faculty members are trying to make a difference and raising students' expectation to achieve a more positive outcome. Increasing admission GPA to 2.5 is still under consideration. In fall 2007, the program plans to adopt the State Chancellor's recommended criteria for admission to nursing program.

ACTION: Continue approval of the Los Angeles Southwest College Associate Degree Nursing Program. Submit a progress report on September 1, 2007 for October 2007 ELC. NEC is to make an Interim Visit in Fall 2008 as scheduled in the Master Calendar.

MSC: Glaab/Phillips/ Morales-Board

Public input: None

3.9 San Bernardino Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Marilyn Johnson, MN, RN is the Dean Health Science/ Nursing Program Director, since July 2002.

B. Caraway, NEC, presented this report. B. Caraway and M. Bedroni, SNEC, made a continuing approval visit to San Bernardino Valley College on November 14, and 15, 2006. There were no areas of non-compliance. Six recommendations were made in: Resources (CCR 1424(d), Administration

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(CCR1424 (g), Curriculum (CCR 1426 (c), Licensed Vocational Nurses (CCR 1429 (a), and Clinical Facilities/Clinical Experiences (CCR 1424 (l) & 1428(c).

The program has undergone several changes since the last Board's visit in 2001, including a change in the Director and Assistant Director. In 2002, Director position was made a management position with 85% time spent with for nursing program and Assistant Director was given 40% release time for administrative functions. There was an increase in the FT faculty and decrease in the FT faculty numbers as a result of discontinuation of the part-time program in May 2003.

The program was awarded a major grant in 2003 to increase enrolment in the program. The grant funded clinical instructors for additional 25 students enrolled between 2003-2005. Additionally the program implemented clinical preceptor experiences, educational support, and a mentoring / tutoring program.

The Nursing program moved into the new building in 2005. All classrooms have new furnishings, multimedia cart, and built-in storage cabinets. The skills lab with 8 patient care stations has more space than the former building. The College has approved expansion of the Skills Lab, hiring of Skills Lab coordinator, and purchase of one human simulator for January 2007.

The NCLEX pass rate remains high with an eight-year average annual rate of 87.05% between 1998-2005, for first time candidates.

ACTION: Continue approval of San Bernardino Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program.

MSC: Phillips/ Glaab

Public input: None

5.0 ACCEPT/NOT ACCEPT FEASIBILITY STUDY

5.1 InterAmerican College Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program

Maria Viramontes de Marin, PhD is the contact person; Mary Wickman, PhD (Consultant)

M. Bedroni, SNEC, presented this report. InterAmerican College (IAC), located in National City in San Diego, is planning to implement an Entry Level Master's in Nursing Program in addition to its current educational offerings. IAC is a private non-profit institution of higher education with a primary academic emphasis on education. The college serves working adults who return to school to complete a degree or teaching credential. IAC prepares adult learners in non-traditional programs by bringing experiences to bilingual learners in a global and technological environment.

Since it started in 1998, 163 students have enrolled in the Bachelor's and Credential programs. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) recently approved IAC and it is anticipated that these numbers will increase. The California Commission on Teachers Credentials has accredited IAC, and the largest single program it has is the Bachelors degree in Liberal Arts, accounting for 48% of the students. A large group, "Pasantes," is from Latin America Countries who are enrolled in a BA Interdisciplinary Studies program. This group is completing degrees begun in their countries and postponed for many of life's realities.

One of the characteristics that sets IAC apart from other colleges is the diversity of the students, with 70% of them being Hispanic/Latino. One of the challenges currently facing healthcare is the lack of culturally and linguistically diverse health care professionals and IAC proposed program is designed to address this shortage of minority nurses and especially nurses who are bilingual in Spanish and English and as an outcome improve health care in their community. There are five ADN programs, five BSN programs, and two ELM programs in San Diego County in the area, and the closest program to IAC is Southwestern College. However, IAC targets different student population since this proposed program requires students to have a previous degree.

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IAC intends to work collaboratively with the San Diego Welcome Back Program. This program provides orientation, counseling and support to internationally trained health care workers. The Welcome Back Program will provide an important link to IAC for prospective students and foreign trained physicians who are interested in becoming a Registered Nurse. IAC will work closely with those students who have a baccalaureate and are interested in receiving a MSN.

A partnership has been forged between IAC and Paradise Valley Hospital for this proposed program. Paradise Valley has agreed to provide clinical placement and access to onsite skills lab for IAC ELM students. Paradise Valley has an onsite Skills Lab that will be used for simulated training for faculty and students. Letters of support from Paradise Valley Hospital for clinical placement in acute care and clinics are included. While it is the intention of IAC to utilize Paradise Valley Hospital other hospitals have been surveyed to determine clinical placement availability. There are currently space for 7-10 students on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on days and evening shifts at Bayview Behavioral Health, Children's Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, Scripps Mercy Chula Vista, Scripps Chula Vista and Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women. Furthermore, IAC is working closely with the San Diego Nursing Service- Education Consortium for inpatient clinical placement.

The program proposed is an Entry Level Master's. The curriculum is built upon the foundation of biological, physical and social sciences. Upon completion of the first three semesters of the program students will have completed the requirements for licensure and will be eligible to sit for NCLEX. The prelicensure nursing program will have 18 units of theory and 22 units for clinical nursing. The FNP track consists of 43 semesters' units with 630 clinical hours.

Planning funding is currently in place from the California Endowment to bring on board a Director, faculty and staff to develop the on side construction of the lab, purchase equipment and write the self study report. Currently, IAC has received a start up grant from the California Wellness Foundation for \$130,000. Student tuition is calculated at \$300/unit. Estimated opening expenses average \$300,000 yearly. Upon approval of this proposal, program infrastructure funding will additionally be requested from the Wellness Foundation External Funding and partnerships with healthcare facilities will also be explored to further develop program offerings and supplement cost.

IAC plans to enroll 30 students per cohort each fall, with a projected total student enrollment of 120 students for the next five years. The target date of admission to the nursing program is summer 2007 with the first cohort starting in fall 2007.

ACTION: Accept the Feasibility Study for InterAmerican College Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program.

MSC: Phillips Morales-Board
Public input:

6.0 GRANTE/NOT GRANT INITIAL APPROVAL OF PRELICENSURE NURSING PROGRAM

6.1 California State University, Dominguez Hills, Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Degree Program

Rose A Welch, EdD, RN, is the Program Director for the Master's Entry Professional Nursing (MEPN) Program and Graduate Coordinator. Carole Shea, PhD, RN, FAAN is the Director of School of Nursing College of Health and Human Services.

M. Minato, NEC, presented this report. M. Minato conducted an initial approval visit at CSUDH for the proposed MEPN Program for Clinical Nurse Leader on December 6, 2006. The program was found to be in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. Two recommendations were made.

CSUDH School of Nursing (SON), located in Carson, California and has a current student body of approximately 900 students in the BSN and MSN programs. One of its strength is the online nursing programs offered statewide to RNs. However, the proposed MEPN Program primarily will use the traditional classroom approach for the prelicensure portion of the program.

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The proposed program will admit a cohort of 24 to 30 students each year, who have a prior bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing. The program plans to start this new program in Spring 2007.

The curriculum is based on AACN's Clinical Nurse Leader Curriculum Framework for Client-Centered Healthcare. It will be an accelerated, intensive, full-time pre-licensure master's program that is offered over five academic semesters, including a summer session. The prelicensure courses are interspersed with the core master's courses during the five semesters. In the last semester of the curriculum, the program includes a 3-unit preceptorship course (144 hours) for full integration of the RN role for students. Upon successful completion of the **total program** the graduate will receive a Master's degree and be eligible to sit for NCLEX examination.

Total Pre-licensure Content Required for licensure is 70 units, of which there are 46 nursing units (24 theory units; 22 clinical units), 6 communication units, and 18 science units. There are an additional 38 units: 9 prerequisite units for MEPN and 29 units of core Master's units. The MEPN program requires 108 units.

CSUDH SON has established partnership with Centinela Freeman Healthcare System (CFHS). The CFHS' three hospital sites (Centinela Memorial, Freeman Memorial, and Freeman Marina) and Kaiser West LA Hospital will be the primary clinical sites for the proposed program. The Program is continuing to pursue pediatric and other specialty area affiliations.

CHFS is contributing classroom spaces and allocating time in its new clinical laboratory located at Centinela Freeman site in Inglewood. Facilities at CFHS are shared with El Camino College's extended campus program, and a schedule has been developed to coordinate the two programs. The university is committed to providing adequate faculty, classroom, skills space and staff to support the MEPN program. The university's budget for 2007-08 includes a renovation plan for a new lab for a 30-station nursing simulation laboratory to be completed in December 2008.

NEC will make a site visit in Spring 2008 prior to graduation of the first cohort.

ACTION: Grant initial approval for California State University, Dominguez Hills, Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program. NEC to make a site visit in Spring 2008 prior to graduation of first cohort of students.

MSC: Philips/ Morales-Board

Public input: None

6.2 Citrus College Associate Degree Nursing Degree Program

Maureen Estrada and Irene Malmgren represented the college.

M. Bedroni, SNEC, presented this report. The BRN accepted the feasibility study on September 15, 2006. On December 12, 2006 M. Bedroni conducted the initial approval visit at Citrus College.

CC received from the CCC Chancellor's Office Capacity Building Grant start up cost for the ADN program for \$225,000 for Skills Lab remodeling. In addition the college passed a \$121 million General Obligation Bond for infrastructure upgrades. The fiscal impact to start the program is projected to cost \$380,000-400,000 per year. VTEA funds are also available in the amount of \$120,000 and will be applied to the implementation phase of the ADN program.

The Skills Lab, located on the second floor of the Technical Building, is in the process of renovation with a completion date anticipated in March 2007. The Skill Lab will be staffed with a full time Masters prepared tenured-track faculty. Classrooms are on the second and third floor on the same building. Some faculty offices will be located in the building; however, seven ADN nursing faculty offices will be in close proximity at the Center for Innovation building, which is also under construction. Offices will be furnished with standard office equipment and computers. CC has the required support services for the projected students. CC is prepared to increase the number of general education courses to ensure RN

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students have full access, and attention is focused on student preparation, retention, and success. The program plans to hire full and part time faculty to staff the program and to maintain clinical staffing ratio of 1 faculty to 12 students.

There are secured clinical placements for the initial cohort of 24 students at Pomona Valley Medical Center during a rotation on Sundays and Mondays and two rotations at Arcadia Methodist, which are also available on weekend and evenings. According to CC there will be no displacement or infringement upon previously existing student rotations from Citrus College or any other training program.

CC intends to utilize their resources among all programs within the Health Science Division. This will require strict coordination to assure that the RN students are not negatively impacted and all the resources will be available to them to ensure smooth transition throughout the required semesters. Although faculty are going to be required to teach in both programs, the courses and instruction for RN students must be separated from other programs.

The total nursing program will have 83 units with 41 units of nursing (22 Theory/19 clinical) six (6) units of communication, 19 units for sciences and 17 units for graduation requirements. Since CC has an LVN program, initially the ADN program will begin with advanced placement students in the third semester, Fall 2007. In the Fall 2008 they will admit the first cohort of generic students.

All completed course syllabi will be submitted to the NEC by June 2007. Upon approval of the program CC will sign the contract with the clinical agencies and will submit the required forms for faculty approval. The NEC assigned to this program will make a visit prior to opening of the program (summer 2007) to assure this Board that all the required resources are in place to admit students

ACTION: Grant initial approval for Citrus College Associate Degree Nursing Program. Submit to NEC all course syllabi and clinical agency approval forms by June 2007. Assigned NEC to make a site visit prior to opening in June 2007.

MSC: Philips/Morales-Board

Public input: None

6.3 Unitek College LVN to RN Associate Degree Nursing Program

Wendy Hollis, MSN, RN, was hired by Unitek College to perform the duties of the Director of Nursing and to produce the nursing program curriculum..

J. Wackerly, NEC, presented this report. J. Wackerly completed a site visit on December 20, 2006 and the nursing program was found in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations. The syllabi for all the courses have been submitted to the NEC. The program is hiring qualified faculty, has contracts for clinical sites, and currently updating space and equipment for the skill/simulation laboratory. The NEC plan is to visit the College site and clinical sites when the first students are entered into the program and again just before the first graduating class completes the program.

The initial LVN to RN program is proposed for the Unitek College Fremont Campus at 4670 Auto Mall Parkway, Fremont, CA. 94538. Unitek College proposes that the RN program begin upon Board approval anticipated to be February 2007

Unitex College is a private company and for profit institution. Unitek College has three other locations: 3003 Bunker Hill Lane #201 Santa Clara CA.; 760 Market Street, Suite 1008 San Francisco, CA; and 1111 Howe Avenue Suite # 205 Sacramento. Unitek College is approved to operate by the Bureau for Private Post-secondary and Vocational Education.

Unitex College was founded in 1992 by its president, CEO, Paul Afshar. Dr Afshar's background includes both academic and technical specialty. In 1994 Unitek College began providing IT training to corporate clients. Unitek College applied to the Bureau of Private Post Secondary Vocational Education

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and started providing training to individuals and corporations. In 2004 Medical Assisting and Medical Billing and Coding programs were added to the healthcare side. In 2005 Vocational Nursing Program was added to the Fremont Campus and an additional class were added in 2005. In 2006 Vocational Nursing Program was added to the Santa Clara Campus.

Janette Wackerly completed a series of initial program approval activities in June, July and August 2006 including reviewing the prepared Self-Study and meeting with Margarita Valdes, RN, MS, Administrative Director of Nursing, Unitek College. The Self Study needed additional work to meet the regulations and a qualified director was needed to lead the program. Wendy Hollis, MSN, RN was hired as the director of nurses and Hollis was BRN approved September 6, 2006. Wendy Hollis has provided the needed content expertise to complete the Self-Study for regulatory compliance. Wendy Hollis has developed and submitted for approval the curriculum model for the RN program utilizing the conceptual framework (organization) of The Roy's Theory of Adaptation, Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and the NLN Roles of Practice. The LVN to RN curriculum consists of two 15-week semesters; the total units for the program are 67.3 units. Start date is Spring 2007

ACTION: Grant initial approval for Unitek College LVN to RN Associate Degree Nursing Program. Submit to NEC all course syllabi and clinical agency approval forms by June 2007. Assigned NEC to make a site visit prior to opening in June 2007.

MSC: Glabb/Philips

Public input: None

7.0 INFORMATION ONLY -

7.1 Preliminary 2005-06 Annual School Report

The 2005-2006 BRN Annual School Survey was conducted and analyzed by UCSF this year. A preliminary report reflecting data collected by November 22, 2006 will be presented at the ELC meeting. This preliminary report will be finalized with the data from the outstanding schools for the February 16, 2007 Board meeting. The BRN 2005-2006 Annual School Report will then be available for public distribution, and posting on the BRN web site.

It is anticipated that the BRN Trends in Nursing Education Statewide Report will be presented at the April 2007 Board meeting, and the BRN Trends in Nursing Education Regional Reports at the June 2007 Board meeting.

7.2 Minor Curriculum Revision for Sonoma State University and Indiana State University

Indiana State University (ISU) has developed a partnership with Sonoma State University (SSU) in order to gain access to California clinical facilities for students in its LVN to BSN Distance Education program. SSU will provide the opportunity for ISU nursing students to obtain clinical experience on a contract education basis. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with details of this partnership will be provided at the ELC meeting.

Following BRN acceptance of the signed MOA, ISU plans to recruit and admit students in California to the program. The College Network will be assisting them in this process. It is anticipated that prerequisite science and general education courses could take between 12 to 24 months for a student to complete. This means some nursing students may be eligible for clinical placement in January 2008.

The ISU nursing courses include concurrent theory and clinical experience. A preceptorship model will be utilized for clinical instruction. ISU will employ a faculty coordinator(s) who meets the requirements of instructor (CCR 1425(d)). This individual(s) will be responsible for ensuring that the precepted experiences conform to the BRN Precetorship Guidelines, and that implementation of the preceptorship is consistent with ISU's curriculum. The clinical preceptors for the ISU students will meet the requirements of Assistant Instructor (CCR 1425(e)). A list of the clinical facilities used for the precepted experiences will be maintained. The students will be graduates of Indiana State University.

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8.0 OPEN FORUM - None

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 PM.

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